

Clean and Green Initiatives Deep Dive - Annotated Bibliography

“Impact | Community Life Improvement Program.” City of Philadelphia, 18 July 2024, <https://www.phila.gov/departments/community-life-improvement-program/about/impact/>. Accessed 13 January 2025.

This source provides statistics on the impact that the Community Life Improvement Program (CLIP) has had on the city of Philadelphia in the year 2023. This gives insight into the type of work done within this program and how it is helping the residents of Philadelphia. Many are not aware of the impacts these programs have, so this could help put numbers to any questions people may have. Not only that, but many are not even aware that these programs exist, so this could be used as an introduction to what the programs have done for the people and what they can continue to do.

“Through The Trash.” TripleSe7en Media, 24 September 2021, <https://youtu.be/2g8j5ZmbiWg>. Accessed 13 January 2025.

This source sheds light on the Same Day Pay Program and its impact not just on the cleanliness of the community but also on families who are facing poverty. The Same Day Pay Program provides job opportunities that anyone can take advantage of in order to make a better living for themselves. There are other programs such as this one that provide similar services. The Same Day Pay Program served as a strong inspiration for this project as it impacts the community in such an beautiful way, and I want others to know about it. This eventually lead me to the TCB Program which is actively taking action towards the city.

Department of Commerce. “PHL Taking Care of Business Expansion and Achievements.” City of Philadelphia, Nagiarry Porcena-Meneus, 12 July 2024, <https://www.phila.gov/2024-07-12-phl-taking-care-of-business-program-achievements-and-expansion/>. Accessed 16 January 2025.



Similar to the Same Day Pay Program, the Taking Care of Business program provides job opportunities that will make the streets of North Philadelphia a lot more welcoming for residents and visitors to explore. This image shows a man being able to work because of the TCB program through HACE, a non-profit organization that helps people get in contact with these sorts of resources that are available to them. Even through the mask, you can see the smile that he holds on his face. This image shows that not only do they get paid for this work, but they enjoy doing it because it makes a difference in their community but also their own lives.

PHL TCB 2023 Impact Report,
www.phila.gov/media/20240712122818/PHL-Taking-Care-of-Business-2023-Impact-Report.pdf.
Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

This source shows The Taking Care of Business program's latest report on the impact it has made on the city of Philadelphia. What I aim to do is study its impact through its partnership with HACE and what the residents of the area that HACE covers have to say about any change that may have occurred. Not only that but also get an understanding of the type of impact it has made on the workers themselves. This source covers a lot of information that I want to examine for this project specifically near the 5th and Lehigh area of Philadelphia since that is where I am from. I will be looking over whether the 4 goals of this program have been reached in the area.

"Residents Fed up with Needles Littering the Streets." FOX 29 News Philadelphia, FOX 29 Philadelphia, 30 June 2016,
www.fox29.com/news/residents-fed-up-with-needles-littering-the-streets. Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

This source sheds light on one of the main reasons I became interested in conducting this sort of project. Growing up in the city of Philadelphia, the use of drugs has always been an issue. Needles would be spread around the places my cousins and I would normally love to play, which eventually lead to us not being able to go outside as much as we used to. We were old enough to understand the risks, but as this article talks about, there are many younger kids who may not understand and be curious about the needles with the orange caps they often see in the streets. This is of course very dangerous with the health effects it could have on a child.

Schmidt, Sophia. "Anti-Dumping Advocates Urge Parker to Change Rules at City-Run Disposal Sites." WHYY, 22 Jan. 2024,
whyy.org/articles/trash-waste-city-dump-parker-administration/#:~:text=Advocates%20say%20that%20legal%2C%20private,%2C%20street%20corners%2C%20and%20sidewalks. Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

This source covers one of the main issues that programs like Taking Care of Business find in multiple different areas. This was even something that was mentioned in a walk-thru meeting that I went to on Jan 16th, 2025. Many people continue to dump trash in areas that they know the city will go through to pick up from. However, the whole point of the clean ups are to ensure that the area is beautified and looks taken care of. If people continue to dump on a daily basis, it is difficult to keep up. It has been made difficult to handle.

“Corridor Cleaning Locations: Programs and Initiatives.” City of Philadelphia, www.phila.gov/programs/phl-taking-care-of-business/corridor-cleaning-locations/#/. Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

This source provides all of the cleaning locations that the TCB program covers. This gives me an understanding of what specific areas are considered for programs like TCB. This has led me to wondering specifically why or how they choose these locations, which is something I can also cover in my final presentation. With this information, I may be able to examine the location the HACE takes care of and another location of my choosing to compare the state of each. I could specifically look into the main problems they face and focus on both their similarities and differences. I could do this by contacting both HACE and the other partner of the TCB program directly.

“Hace Business and Visitors Center.” HACE CDC, 28 Aug. 2019, www.hacecdc.org/projects/hace-business-and-visitors-center/. Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

This source highlights the main building that works with the TCB program. It is the place where workers who are hired for the TCB program through HACE report. They have their lunches here, and take any breaks if needed especially if weather conditions are extreme. They also discuss any problems they faced while cleaning the area and any information they gathered from the residents in the area. Many times the workers build relationships with the residents which lets them know which areas to target most. Not only that, but it shows the residents that people are working to make their community better.

DeShields, Zach Wilcha and Greg. “Guest Commentary: Cleaner Streets Are Key to Philly’s Success.” *The Philadelphia Citizen*, 24 May 2023, thephiladelphiacitizen.org/guest-commentary-clean-streets-are-key-to-phillys-success/. Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

This source is an opinion piece. It focuses on the fact that having cleaner streets in Philadelphia will bring room for a better community as a whole. Many programs like TCB and non-profit organizations like HACE understand this, and that is why they choose to take action. Cleaner streets will bring more people to the community, better business, and a safer environment for residents. This is the sort of understanding that I wish to bring to all. Sometimes we do not view littering as a bad thing, but once we see one person doing it, as humans we start to do it too because it is normalized. However, this source provided reasons as to why we should not.

PHL TCB 2023 Impact Report,

www.phila.gov/media/20240712122818/PHL-Taking-Care-of-Business-2023-Impact-Report.pdf.

Accessed 17 Jan. 2025.

There is one specific part of this source that I want to point out for my research. It is the stories that highlight people who have spoken on their experience with TCB programs and the impacts that they have seen it make on themselves and the community/area they serve. This I find powerful because in my opinion, it is the biggest part of the TCB program. Many people have such a negative outlook on the North Philadelphia community and Philadelphia in general, so this really means something to me as someone who has grown up in Philadelphia my whole life.